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CONTRARY TO PREVIOUS INDICATIONS (REFTEL), IN FIRST MEETING OF
CONTACT GROUP OF PLENARY, G-77, GROUP D AND CHINA ALL ANNOUNCED
ACCEPTANCE WITHOUT RENEWED DISCUSSION OF LANGUAGE OF L-425 (ANNEX
II TD/B 564) WITHOUT MODIFICATION AS AGENDA FOR UNCTAD IV, GROUP
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B CAUCUS, WITH EXCEPTION OF US, HAS ACCEPTED LANGUAGE AS WELL,

THUS LEAVING U.S. COMPLETELY ISOLATED IN ATTEMPTING TO OBTAIN MODIFICATIONS OF L-425. ALL OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES HIGHLY PLEASED AT THIS DEVELOPMENT AND URGE U.S. AGREE. OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES TAKE POSITION THAT WHILE AUGUST TEXT FAR FROM PERFECT, IT CAUSES NO SUBSTANTIAL PROBLEMS. THEY ALSO CONSIDER THAT EXERCISE TO RENEGOTIATE TEXT WOULD PROBABLY RESULT IN OWRSE TEXT FROM GROUP B VIEWPOINT. WE HAVE REPLIED WE UNABLE GO ALONG ON BASIS PRESENT INSTRUCTIONS BUT WOULD REPORT CHANGED SITUATION TO WASHINGTON AND RECOMMEND U.S. CONCURRENCE.

2. WE AGREE WITH OTHER GROUP B COUNTRIES THAT ANY PROPOSALS FROM OUT SIDE TO REOPEN AUGUST TEXT WOULD EITHER BE REJECTED OUTRIGHT BY GROUP OF 77 OR WOULD BE COUNTERED BY PROPOSALS FROM THEM HIGHLY UNPALATABLE TO US AND IN VIEW OF GROUP OF 77 VOTING PREPONDERANCE COULD EASILY LEAD TO LESS SATISFACTORY UNCTAD IV AGENDA THAN THAT WHICH EMERGED FROM AUGUST TDB MEETING. ALSO BELIEVE THAT OUR ISOLATED INSISTENCE ON FRESH NEGOTIATIONS COULD WELL DISTURB MUCH IMPROVED DC-LDC ENVIRONMENT WHICH ACHIEVED AT GA SEVENTH SPECIAL SESSION. G-77 ARRIVED AT ITS POSITION AS AN INTERNAL COMPROMISE TO AVOID INDIVIDUAL DELEGATES INTRODUCING LANGUAGE TO MAKE DIFFERENT PORTIONS MORE SPECIFIC, THUS REOPENING ARDUOUS DEBATES ON THE FIRST PART OF THE 15TH BOARD. RECOMMENDATION: REQUEST THAT U.S. BE AUTHORIZED BY OPENING OF BUSINESS OCTOBER 1 TO GO ALONG WITH CONSENSUS, POINTING OUT IN PLenary THAT U.S. HAD MADE CERTAIN OBSERVATIONS AND RESERVATIONS AT FIRST PART OF 15TH BOARD, WHICH STILL STAND. IF WASHINGTON CONSIDERS THAT ACCEPTANCE OF AUGUST AGENDA WOULD REQUIRE U.S. STATEMENT FOR RECORD EXPLAINING HOW WE BELIEVE UNCTAD IV SHOULD DEAL WITH CERTAIN ITEMS, WE WOULD SEE NO PROBLEM. ALSO WE WOULD USE CONTACTS WITH SECRETARIAT BETWEEN NOW AND TDB IV, NUMEROUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS BETWEEN NOW AND THEN AS WELL AS MARCH TDB PREPARATORY MEETING FOR UNCTAD IV AS OCCASIONS TO TRY TO ADVANCE U.S. VIEWS ON UNCTAD IV AGENDA ISSUES.DALE

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